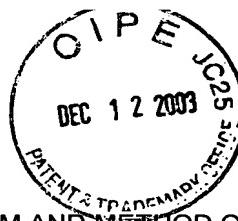


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- Small entity status is claimed for this application under 37 CFR 1.27.
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- Applicants believe that no petition for extension of time is necessary. However, to the extent that such petition is deemed necessary, Applicants hereby petition for a sufficient extension of time to render the present submission timely. Please charge Deposit Account No. 12-1216 for the appropriate petition fee.
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